Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The only means is by an enquiry.

President.—Have you got any reliable data to show that the petition has been presented to the Diwan?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The only information available is that it was presented on the day previous to the departure of the Diwan to Coonoor.

President.—Perhaps the office might have omitted to register it. You give us a copy of the petition and say that it was presented on such and such a date.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The date of the petition and the name of the person who presented the petition, &c., are not available. That is the difficulty.

President.—Somehow or other it is not to be found.

Help to ryots of kole lands.

311. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government are under any consideration to help ryots of kole lands?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Government are anxious to render all possible help to the kole cultivators and are from time to time doing in this direction all that they possibly can.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ് പി. കുണ്ടുകുളം.—കോൾകൃഷി ഉണക്ക ബാധിച്ച് നഷ്ടമാകാതിരിക്കാൻ ഇതേവരെ ഗവൺമെണ്ട എന്തു പോംവഴികളാണ് ചെയ്തതെന്ന് അറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—കഴിയുന്നതും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ് പി. കുണ്ടുകുളം.—ഇപ്പോൾ എന്തുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—ഇപ്പോൾ വിശേഷിച്ചൊന്നും ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ്പ് പി. കുണ്ടുകുളം.—സാധാരണ എന്താണ് ചെയ്യുവരാറുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—എനിക്കു തീർച്ചയില്ല.

Grant of cycle loans to village officers.

312. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many village officers are given cycle loans;

(b) whether all the officers who are favoured with loan are using cycles;

(c) whether authorised officers are in the habit of verifying as enunciated in the bond;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, what is the result?

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Twenty-two village officers and one Revenue Inspector.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) All except 5 village officers are using their cycles. The necessary orders have been issued to the Tahsildars concerned to see that the officers who are not using cycles refund the balance of the loan outstanding against them in a lump.

Restoration of grants.

313. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state their reasons for restoring the grant to continue this Legislative Council, when all except one of the elected Members sitting in the House took part in refusing the grant for its continuance;

2. for what purpose they intend to continue this Council against the express wishes of the representatives of this House;

3. what was meant by the 'Peoples' Institution' in the Diwan's statement read in this House on 9th August 1929?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Vide Diwan's Proceedings C. 2678/04, dated 13th August 1929, published in the printed budget estimate for 1105.

(2) For serving the purposes for which it has been constituted.

(3) The meaning cannot be made plainer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall refer to the Proceedings referred to in the answer. It is said there that it is for the discharge of the responsibility of the Government. Now it is said that the Council exists for serving the purposes for which it has been constituted. They have restored the grant, and the answer is vide Diwan's Proceedings dated so and so. In the order it is said that it is for the purpose of discharging the responsibility of the Government.

President.—That is the language of the Regulation.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Council is being continued for the Government. We denied the grant.

President.—Now, if you do not vote the grant and the Government have certified it, you have got some favourite expressions with regard to our action, *viz.*, it is a mock Council and toy Council, &c. One purpose for which the Council is constituted is for the voting of demands for grants.

There are also so many other purposes to be served by the Council. They are laid down in the Rules, the Regulation and the Standing Orders. One of the things served by the Council is to vote the demand or cut down the demand or do what you like, and in the case of the latter, power is given to the Govern-

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